AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for visually organizing collections of annotated Web-based documents, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a plurality of annotated documents, each of the annotated documents including a Web-based document associated with corresponding annotation data;

(b) including values of at least one attribute of the annotation data for each of the plurality of annotated documents in at least one searchable annotation database;

(c) searching the values of the at least one attribute in the at least one annotation database according to search criteria;

(d) obtaining a set of annotated documents that is a subset of the plurality of annotated documents based on a result of said searching step; and

(e) displaying a thumbnail image for at least one annotated document in the obtained set of annotated documents.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one attribute includes at least one of a time and date of an annotation event and an author of the annotated document.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one attribute includes a Website associated with the annotated document.

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5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the obtained set of annotated documents includes at least two documents and a thumbnail image is displayed for each annotated document in the obtained set of annotated documents.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) One or more tangible computer readable media storing computer executable instructions which, when executed, cause a computer to perform at least the following steps:

(a) receiving a plurality of annotated documents, each of the annotated documents including a Web-based document associated with corresponding annotation data;

(b) including values of at least one attribute of the annotation data for each of the plurality of annotated documents in at least one searchable annotation database;

(c) searching the values of the at least one attribute in the at least one annotation database according to search criteria;

(d) obtaining a set of annotated documents that is a subset of the plurality of annotated documents based on a result of said searching step; and

(e) displaying a thumbnail image for at least one annotated document in the obtained set of annotated documents.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 7, wherein the search criteria includes at least one of a time and date of an annotation event and an author of an annotated document.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 7, wherein the search criteria includes at least a Website associated with an annotated document.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 7, wherein the obtained set of annotated documents includes at least two documents and a thumbnail image is displayed for each annotated document in the obtained set of annotated documents.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said search criteria is inputted by a user.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 7, wherein said search criteria is inputted by a user.

15. (New) A method for visually organizing collections of annotated Web-based documents, comprising:

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(a) receiving annotation data associated with a plurality of annotated Web-based documents, wherein the annotation data comprises attributes regarding a plurality of annotations associated respectively with the plurality of Web-based documents;

(b) populating at least one searchable annotation database with values of at least one attribute of the annotation data;

(c) inputting search criteria from a user;

(d) searching the values of the at least one attribute in the at least one annotation database according to the search criteria;

(e) determining a subset of the annotated Web-based documents corresponding to the annotated Web-based documents associated with annotations which have values of attributes corresponding to the search criteria; and

wherein the annotation data comprises at least stroke data representing strokes of electronic ink annotations associated with the Web-based documents, and wherein the at least one attribute searched according to the search criteria corresponds to an attribute of the stroke data.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the attributes of the stroke data comprise at least one attribute from the group consisting of brush width, brush height, brush shape, brush color, brush opacity, and a list of coordinate points corresponding to at least one stroke of the associated annotation.

17. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the attributes of the stroke data comprise at least one attribute from the group consisting of a number of direction changes within a stroke, a length of a stroke, horizontal and/or vertical dot products of a stroke, and an elapsed time from start to end of a stroke.

18. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the search criteria input by a user is electronic ink input comprising stroke data, and wherein the values of the at least one attribute in the at least one annotation database are searched according to values of attributes of the user-inputted stroke data.

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19. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the user-inputted stroke data has a particular visual characteristic and the at least one annotation database is searched to determine annotations with stroke data which exhibits a comparable visual characteristic.

20. (New) The method according to claim 15, further comprising displaying a thumbnail image for at least one annotated Web-based document in the obtained set of annotated documents.

21. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the determined subset of annotated Web-based documents includes at least two documents and a thumbnail image is displayed for each Web-based annotated document in the determined subset of annotated Web-based documents.